

SENATE BILL 1861

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 33.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 33-2-502, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

33-2-502.

The department shall, at least annually, convene a meeting on transportation service for persons with developmental disabilities, mental illness, and serious emotional disturbance. The purpose is to promote development of interagency agreements under § 33-1-308 that assure availability of generic and specialized transportation services to service recipients and their families, coordinate service options, coordinate and maximize utilization of funding mechanisms, assure training of transportation personnel in best practices for transporting service recipients. Participants shall include affected state agencies, local government, public and private transportation service providers, mental health and developmental disabilities service providers, and service recipients and members of service recipient families. There shall be a sufficient number of service recipients and their family members to assure effective representation in the meeting. After each meeting, the department shall file a report with the general assembly detailing discussions, proposals and agreements reached during the meeting.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.